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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

- 1. Japanese Patent No. 2,556,293, issued September 5, 1996 (Laid-open publication No. 07-336163) with English Abstract.
- 2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-127887, published May 16, 1995, with English Abstract.
- 3. R. R. Torrance et al., "CMOS Voltage to Current Transducers", *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems*, Vol. CAS-32, No. 11, November 1985, pp. 1097-1104.
- 4. K. Kimura, "MOS Linear and Square-Law Transconductance Amplifiers Consisting of a Source-Coupled Pair with Load Transistors and a Quandritail Cell Using Only N-Channel MOS Unit Transistors", *Technical Report of IEICE*, CAS98-41, NLP98-49, July 1998, pp. 17-24.



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